To save a life

By Cpl. Aaron Rooks,
2nd Marine Logistics Group

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — His face was distraught with nothing but fear and shock as Marines and sailors lowered him to the floor of Camp Taqaddum Surgical. He found himself in a strange place around a number of people he could not understand. Despite all the chaos, Navy Cmdr. Pamela Harvey, who was serving in Iraq as an emergency room physician at the time, knew that this man’s life laid in her hands.

Her patient, an older Iraqi civilian, probably never imagined he would end up where he did Feb. 24, 2007. He had only recently left a religious service when a suicide truck bomb exploded near the mosque in Al Habbiniyah, Iraq, severely injuring himself and a number of Iraqi civilians.

Harvey did not expect this to happen either. She did not anticipate having this man’s life placed into her hands that morning. Nonetheless, she was ready, as this was what she had always lived for…to save lives.

Only an hour had gone by when TQ Surgical had opened its doors to the victims. Initially, Harvey said the situation seemed routine. That description soon changed.

She said that while they treated the various victims, a corpsman noticed an Iraqi man’s vitals becoming unstable. She said he was bleeding from behind one of his eyes, applying pressure to his brain. At that moment, she knew she was quickly running out of time.

She explained that his injury was something doctors didn’t often see. She added that if they didn’t perform surgery immediately, he not only would’ve lost his eye, but his life as well. So she went to work right there on the floor of TQ Surgical.

“The opportunity to actually save somebody’s life … there’s no feeling quite like it,” Harvey said. “We were able to help (that Iraqi civilian), and he was able to go back to his family and the people who needed him.”

“I’m just grateful that I’ve been put in a position in my life to be able to do that for people,” she added. “Knowing that I’ve impacted somebody’s life that way is better than any paycheck.”

These seemingly horrifying unknowns and joyous outcomes have always been a big part of Harvey’s career. But this is not that surprising when you consider that she was only 16 years old when faced with saving a young child’s life.

Harvey knew her life was about to change forever when she heard “the infamous screeching of the tires” outside of the Muscatine, Iowa General Hospital E.R., where she worked as a nursing assistant tasked with answering phones. She knew that nothing good was ever on the other end of the screeching tires, and this case was no different.

“A man came running in the door with a four-year-old boy that was dripping wet and limp in his arms,” she still remembers. “He handed him to me in sheer panic and said ‘I found my son in the swimming pool.’ He had nothing}

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13-year-old Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss., family member has earned the ‘gold’ of a national championship in the 200-meter dash while at the same time posting seven personal best records at the 25th annual National Junior Disability Championships (NJDC) July 20-26 in Piscataway, NJ, on the campus of Rutgers University.

‘PJ’ Crouch, the son of Navy Hospital Corpsman Robert Crouch of NAS Meridian, Miss.
Illinois men who gave their lives in Korea memorialized after many years

By Margaret Downing

LOVES PARK — The Greater Rockford Area Korean War Veterans Association (K.W.V.A.) Chapter 72 dedicated many hours in raising money in the past several years in order to have a local memorial erected to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Korea over 60 years ago.

As noted by Chapter President Jack Philbrick of Rockford, “After four years of hard work, the Chapter recently reached completion of its most ambitious project to date. That is, of course, the construction of the Tri-County Korean War Memorial honoring the 59 men from Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties who died during the Korean War. It is impossible to thank everyone in the Chapter and the many outsiders for their efforts.”

Members saw their dream come true on Sunday, July 27, as the memorial, located at the Arthur Anderson Peace Park adjacent to the Loves Park City Hall complex, was dedicated with many people present to witness the occasion and to remember the men who died for our country in that war.

The program included a raising of flags; the singing of the National Anthem sung by Sandra Cain; the Korean National Anthem sung by Chris Finlayson; and “God Bless America” and an Armed Forces Medley sung by the Rockford Barbershop Chorus.

Reverend Ouk-Yean Kim Jueng of the Rockford United Methodist Church gave the invocation. A special presentation was given by Douglas Brooks, President of the Rockford Park District Board; and Rockford native James E. Cartwright, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the keynote speaker at the event.

K.W.V.A. members Joe Myers, Richard Baer, Floyd Herbig, and Howard Ballard, read the names of each of the 59 servicemen from the three-county area who died in Korea as member Rich LoPiccolo rang a bell for each name read.

Father Anthony Labedis, OFM CONV, gave the blessing and benediction, which was followed by the playing of Taps and Echo by V.F.W. Post Commander Greg Kelm and Chris Finlayson. The Tri-County Korean War Memorial is the third of three such memorial recognitions in the park and is near the Field of Honor and Gold Star Mothers Memorial. The Greater Rockford Area Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 272, successfully raised funds for several years to build the memorial - $169,000 for materials and construction costs, and an additional $15,000 for an endowment fund.

Gold Star mothers, Viola Thorne, 99, left, and Angie White, right, both of Rockford, were present at the dedication. According to KWVA Chapter 272 President Jack Philbrick, Thorne is the oldest living Gold Star mother in Illinois. She will turn 100 in November. Thorne’s son, Harold, died in Korea, and White’s son, Kenneth, died in Vietnam.

Keynote speaker at the dedication July 27, which is located in the Arthur Anderson Peace Park, was Rockford native and West High School graduate General James E. Cartwright, left, shown here chatting with Congressman Don Manzullo prior to the start of the event. Cartwright, who is Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, flew in from Washington, D.C. to the Rockford Airport and back afterwards in order to participate in the dedication ceremony. Memorial funds were raised over the past four years by members of Rockford Chapter 272 of the Korean War Veterans Association and honors the 59 men from Boone, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties who gave their lives in that war. The war in Korea began on June 25, 1950 and an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953.
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other than sheer terror on his face, and he just handed him to me in my arms.”

“That little boy lived,” she said. “It was a young point in my life to get handed a child, who was at that point near gone. I think I knew from that point forward that I would be OK with whatever I chose to do in the healthcare field. If I survived that situation, if I survived that day, I thought I would be OK.”

And she was. The Muscatine native continued on to achieve her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Iowa. She then became a Navy Nurse Corps Reserve Officer, and later achieved her master’s in healthcare administration and her doctorate in medicine, both from Des Moines University in Iowa.

Harvey’s former biochemistry and microbiology professor, Dr. Tom Mueller, who currently serves as the associate dean of admissions and student affairs at the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, remembers Harvey as a vibrant and enthusiastic person when it came to studying medicine. Having been her professor for three consecutive years, he said her future always looked bright.

Harvey plans to continue to selflessly serve her country for years to come. Eventually, she plans to return to the small town of Muscatine where she will have a chance to enjoy life’s simple pleasures, while continuing to practice medicine.

Teen claims gold

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ship in the 200 meter event in a time of 1:33.97.

At nationals, the Meridian teen also won Silver in the Shot Put (1.79 meters) and Javelin (2.41m) field events; and Silver in the 60m (25.79), 100m (45.15), 400m (3:11.17), and 800m (6:58.57) track events.

‘PJ’ is a teenager with Cerebral Palsy who began competing in wheelchair sports three years ago.

NJDC’s events included track and field, the pentathlon, boccia (*), swimming, archery, table tennis, 3-on-3 basketball and weightlifting. There were 38 different teams with more than 250 athletes ranging in age from 7-to-21 years.

The athletes live with various disabilities, some of which are CP, Spina Bifida, amputation, spinal cord injury and visual impairment. Some of the athletes will be representing the United States at this year’s Paralympics Games in Beijing, China.

In May, ‘PJ’ qualified for nationals during the Dixie Games held at the Roosevelt Institute in Warm Springs, Ga. He competed in nine events: Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Softball Throw, 60 Meter, 100M, 200M, 400M, and 800M runs.

The youth travels weekly to Birmingham, Ala., where he trains and competes for Lakeshore Foundation -- an Olympic and Paralympics training site. He is coached by Kevin Orr and Carlos Leon. Orr is also a coach for the National Paralympics Track Team, and Carlos is a member of the Paralympics Track and Field Team -- and current world record holder in the Discus, and American record holder in the Shot Put.

‘PJ’ has said that his current goal is to make the Paralympics Team for the 2012 Games in London.

This year’s NJDC event was also held in conjunction with the International Wheelchair & Amputees Sports Federation Championships.

There were 19 different countries represented at the championships.

Petty Officer Crouch is a corpsman attached to NBHC Meridian, one of 12 Navy branch health clinics - across five states - under the command of Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla.

Flooding

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that service and support will continue during this critical time. For beneficiaries living in West Region states, TriWest Healthcare Alliance has recently launched a “crisis connection” Web page at http://www.triwest.com/crisisconnection. The site also provides general updates and flood-related resources.

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Live in the heart of Idaho! If adventure is what you are looking for, this is the right place for you! Idaho’s Treasure Valley offers it all. Hiking, skiing, fishing, whitewater rafting, and more, all within an hour of our multi-specialty group based in Nampa. Boise, Idaho’s capital, and the largest city is just minutes away. Saltzer Medical Group, one of the largest and oldest physician-owned multi-specialty groups in the state of Idaho is seeking physicians for the following specialties:

• Family Practice  • Gastroenterology  • Internal Medicine  • Urology  • Pediatrics
A favorable malpractice climate, partnership in real estate, shareholder status after two successful years of employment, and affordable housing makes this an ideal practice location. A competitive compensation package with guarantee and incentive is being offered to the right individual.

For immediate consideration, contact Bill Savage, CEO at (208) 463-3159; or send CV to: vdtyler@saltzermed.com. Additional information about our group can be viewed on our website www.saltzermed.com.

DOCTORS NEEDED
Serve at Catholic mission hospitals and clinics in Africa/Latin America. Visit the website to learn more about this 50 year old, faith-based program: www.Mission.Doctors.org, or call (213) 368-1875.

GENERAL SURGEON
Join 15 progressive physicians in a medical practice at West River Health Services in Hettinger, ND, a nationally-recognized rural health care delivery system. Medical system consists of a full-service acute care hospital w/network of 12 clinics (8 owned and 4 affiliated). The system prides itself on its modern technology (a new 16-slice CT scanner was just recently installed) and plans are underway for a hospital addition to triple the operating room space and to provide for a new medical clinic.

Contact or send CV to: Jim K. Long, CEO, 1000 Highway Drive, Hettinger, ND 58639.
E-mail: jml@wrhs.com.
Phone 701-567-6183,
Fax 701-567-6368
Not a J-1 site.

The VA Montana Healthcare System is currently recruiting for the following Board Certified Physicians:

• Urologist (Fort Harrison, MT)
• Psychiatrist (Fort Harrison, MT)
• Internal Medicine (Hospitalist) (fort Harrison, MT)
• Internal Medicine (Glendive, MT)

Competitive salary, benefits and liability included.
This is not a J-1 Visa opportunity. Information is also available at www.vacareers.va.gov. Email c.v. to Carline.Cochrane@va.gov or fax: 406-447-7978, or call: Carline Cochrane 406-447-7566

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR PHYSICIANS:

• Primary Care Physicians to deliver outpatient primary health care services to a panel of veterans in an outpatient/inpatient care setting as part of an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.
• Primary Care Physician to serve as the care provider in our Selma, Alabama Community Outreach Center opening July 2008.
• Geriatricians (board certified/board eligible) to provide nursing home, inpatient, and home-based geriatrics services to veterans.
• Psychiatrist to provide inpatient care.
• Psychiatrist to deliver inpatient mental health care services to a panel of veterans in a long term mental health care setting as part of an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.
• Research Psychiatrist to conduct clinical studies in mental health populations.

Excellent Career Opportunities - Outstanding Federal Benefits:

• Competitive Salary, commensurate with experience & qualifications
• 26 days of vacation leave yearly
• Health and Life Insurance Options
• Long-Term Care Insurance
• Recruitment incentive up to 25% of salary may be authorized
• Full malpractice coverage provided
• 10 Paid Federal Holidays
• 13 days of sick leave yearly
• 3 Tier Retirement System, including 401K plan with agency matching
• Relocation expenses authorized
• Student Loan Repayment Assistance up to $48,000 available

Qualification Requirements:

• U.S. Citizenship
• Candidates that are Board Certified/Board Eligible in medical specialty
• J-1 Visa holders cannot be considered
• Full, unrestricted medical license in any State
• Proficiency in written and spoken English
• Successfully completion of pre-employment physical and security screen

Notices of interest will be accepted on a continuous basis. Recruitment will remain open until positions are filled.

For additional information about the duties of these positions, please contact Dr. Mark Nissenbaum, Chief of Staff, at (205) 554-2000 ext. 2209 or mark.nissenbaum2@va.gov.

For more information regarding the application process, please contact Patricia Carruth, Human Resources Specialist, at (205) 554-3745 or patricia.carruth@va.gov.

VA provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities if needed during the application process and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Visit Our Website: www.militarymedical.com
Eastern Washington - Full Time Opportunity. Samaritan Hospital, Moses Lake, has an annual patient volume of 13,000. The shifts are 12 hrs. with 10 hrs. of PA/NP coverage. The physician will see an average of 1.25 patients per hour with 12% admission rate. Trauma Capabilities and Resources: Samaritan Healthcare serves a 75,000 population area with 32,000 in the local area. Physical Description of the Emergency Department: Emergency department is comprised of 9 rooms and 10 beds. This ED includes a trauma/cardiac room, 2 cardiac bays, a pediatric room, casting room, OB room, 2 minor medical rooms, a mental health room and a room with an undesignated function. Availability of Ancillary Services: Radiology - 24/7, Nighthawk: nights, CT 24/7, Ultrasound 24/7, MRI off-site, Pharmacy - 7 am-11 pm. Pyxis system, Lab - 24/7, Respiratory Therapy - 24/7. Nursing Support: Fully staffed with RNs. Brief Description of Community: Moses Lake is the commercial hub of the Columbia Basin in Grant County located at the intersection of Interstate 90 and State Highway 17. This rural environment provides friendliness and security, yet within an easy driving distance of Seattle and Spokane. Columbia River is a fisherman’s paradise, with trout, salmon, bass, spiny ray and walleye pike plentiful. Deer hunting is excellent. Winter sports include an outdoor ice skating rink, downhill skiing, as well as cross country skiing and snowmobiling. The area provides several golf courses, tennis courts, a family aquatic center with water slides and an Olympic size competitive pool. For more information about this opportunity, please call: Emily Enck (800) 336-8614 x2115 or email: emily_enck@teamhealth.com.

Primary Care Physicians

UMass Memorial Medical Center, the clinical partner of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, is seeking Primary Care Physicians for well-established practices in central Massachusetts. Provide quality patient care in office-based, independent, private practice-like settings, while enjoying the benefits of being part of a large Health System. These opportunities are solely outpatient practices with resident teaching available for interested candidates. Work in collegial surroundings where clinical care and education are valued and multiple career opportunities exist! Compensation includes base salary with attractive productivity incentives and excellent benefits. Send CV or contact:

William Corbett, MD, VP of Community Practice
c/o Patricia Schaff
UMass Memorial Medical Group
295 Lincoln Street, Suite 206
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 793-6481
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(508) 793-6329 fax

CIVILIAN MEDICAL OPPORTUNITIES

OREGON – FULL TIME MD/DO WITH ADDITIONAL OB FELLOWSHIP

ABFP Certification needed for OHSU – Rural Residency Training Program, Klamath Falls, Oregon

Full-time, Board-Certified, OB fellowship trained faculty needed for Oregon Health & Science University, Department of Family Medicine, Cascades East Family Practice Residency Program. Come and work in a full-time University position with excellent benefits in a University administered, community based program, tailored to provide training for physicians who wish to practice full spectrum family practice in rural America. We attract excellent residents from throughout the U.S. This unique residency is located in southern Oregon in a beautiful small city that rests in the Cascades Mountains. Come and join a dynamic faculty who need help in realizing the full potential of the available resources. Responsibilities include resident and medical student teaching, patient care (flexible duties depend on qualifications and include inpatient and ICU; obstetrics required; with possible high-risk OB call-coverage shared with OB faculty), and ample opportunity and time to pursue scholarly and administrative duties. A safe environment, good schools, and incredible outdoor recreation await the qualified applicant. Qualifications: MD or DO degree as well as graduate medical education in an ACGME accredited Family Practice Residency program. Applicant may qualify for loan repayment. Please send CV and three references to Robert Ross, MD, Program Director, CEFPC, 2801 Daggett, Klamath Falls, OR, 97601, email: robr1228@aol.com or call (541) 885-4612 for further information. OHSU values diversity and is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Minors and women are particularly encouraged to apply.

MINNEAPOLIS VA MEDICAL CENTER

PSYCHOLOGIST

The Full Time Permanent Psychologist is located in the Primary Care Unit, Minneapolis VAMC. This interdisciplinary program will be focusing on post deployment psychological disorders. The psychologist will provide diagnostic interviews, assessments, psychotherapy, and psychoeducation for adult patients. A significant portion of the incumbent’s duties may include providing Family Therapy to veterans and their families. Additional responsibilities include interdisciplinary consultation and may include participation in the psychology practicum student, intern and postdoctoral fellow training program (i.e. supervising practicum students, interns and postdoctoral fellows). Incumbent must have a doctoral degree in psychology from a graduate program in psychology accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). Hold a current and unrestricted license to practice psychology at the doctoral level. The individual will join a large and active psychology staff, with nationally known pre-doctoral, internship, and post-doctoral training programs. Position is available July, 2008. Interested applicants can mail your CV to VAMC, Attn: John Ellis (Human Resources), One Veterans Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55417, or email to john.ellis@va.gov. Telephone: 612-752-2060.

OREGON: ASSOCIATE RESIDENCY DIRECTOR/PHYSICIAN

CLINIC DIRECTOR

Full-time, Board-Certified Associate Director/faculty needed for Oregon Health & Science University, Department of Family Medicine, Cascades East Family Medicine Residency Program. Come and work in a full-time University position with excellent compensation and benefits in an OHSU administered, community based program, tailored to provide training for physicians who wish to practice full spectrum family medicine in rural America. We attract excellent residents from throughout the U.S. This unique residency is located in southern Oregon in a beautiful small city that rests in the Cascade Mountains. Come and join a dynamic faculty who need help in realizing the full potential of the available resources, and bring creativity to an environment that welcomes extraordinary talent. Responsibilities include Associate Director duties, medical directorship of the family medicine center, planning and implementation of resident and medical student teaching, patient care (flexible duties depend on qualifications and include inpatient and ICU; obstetrics required), with ample opportunity and time to pursue scholarly and administrative duties. A safe environment, good schools, and incredible outdoor recreation await the qualified applicant. Please send CV and three references to Robert Ross, M.D., Program Director, CEFPC, 2801 Daggett, Klamath Falls OR, 97601, e-mail robr1228@aol.com, or call (541) 274-4612 for further information. Visit our web site www.ruralresidency.com; AA/EEO employer.